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SO FEW HAVE IT.
FEWER STILL KNOW HOW TO USE IT.

DISCIPLINE AND CLARITY. WITHOUT THEM, POWER IS BLIND AND DUMB.
WITH THEM, IT IS INVINCIBLE.
STOP!
POWER MUST BE USED IN SERVICE OF SOMETHING.

MA'AM?
THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR YOU TO SUMMARILY EXECUTE. THEY ARE TO BE TAKEN TO THE SHADOW WEAVER FOR READJUSTMENT.
CONTROL.
THEY FOLLOW MY ORDERS UNQUESTIONING, AS ALWAYS. BUT I CAN SENSE THE CONFUSION. THE WEAK ARE OFTEN PUT TO DEATH SO AS NOT TO WASTE RESOURCES.

AND YET... SOMETHING STAYED MY HAND. SOMETHING VAGUE. FROM THE PAST.
SOMETHING TROUBLING.
BUT I AM DESPARA.
AND I AM NOT ONE EASILY TROUBLED.

"THIRTY-SEVEN CAPTURED. FOUR DEAD. WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE LAST REMNANT OF THE GREAT REBELLION IN THIS SECTOR OF ETHERIA."
EXCELLENT WORK, DESPARA. THEY SHALL MAKE CAPABLE WORKERS ONCE THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR PAST SEDITION.
IS THERE... SOMETHING ELSE?
YES. A PERSONAL MATTER.

TAKE OFF YOUR HELMET, CHILD. I WOULD LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
SHADOW WEAVER.
I... HESITATED TODAY.

THAT IS UNLIKE YOU, MY DARLING. YOU ARE THE MOST PERFECTLY LETHAL WEAPON IN THE HORDE'S ARMY. WHAT WAS THE CAUSE?
A CHILD.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SENTIMENTAL OVER CHILDREN IN THE PAST.

THIS CHILD TRIGGERED...A MEMORY OF SOME KIND. SOMETHING OLD AND VAGUE. I REMEMBER A WOMAN WAILING. A BABY CRYING. I WAS UNUSUALLY SHAKEN.
AND THERE'S MORE. DREAMS I'VE BEEN HAVING. GREAT, ORANGE WINGS BEATING AND SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING...OF GREAT, ANCIENT POWER.
RED WINGS, YOU MEAN. AND THAT IS NO PUZZLE. THE WINGS OF THE VAMPIRE BAT THAT IS THE HORDE'S SIGIL. AND HORDAK'S POWER IS ETERNAL.
YOUR DREAM IS AN OMEN OF OUR VICTORY AND YOUR GLORY.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THE DREAMS ARE CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIES.
I WOULD NOT CONCERN MYSELF WITH MEMORIES. A DIM ECHO FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD IN THE WHELPING CHAMBERS WHERE WOMEN WAIL. BEFORE YOUR TALENTS WERE RECOGNIZED. BEFORE I TOOK YOU AND RAISED YOU.
FOCUS YOUR MIND, MY DARLING. *IGNORE* THESE DISTRACTIONS. YOU ARE A *FORCE CAPTAIN.*
YES, M'LADY.

YOU HEARD THAT, MY LORD?
I HEAR ALL.
SHE BEGINS TO REMEMBER AGAIN. AND THESE DREAMS...
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TWO WEEKS LATER, I'M IN A DISTANT SECTOR ROUTING ANOTHER OUTPOST OF THE REBELLION. I'M NOT MYSELF. I'M ANGRY. I'M CONFUSED.

I'M DISTRACTED. IT'S NOT THE WHELPING CHAMBERS I REMEMBER. IT'S A SOFTER PLACE. A GENTLE PLACE.
A PLACE I WAS TAKEN FROM. THERE WAS ANOTHER CHILD THERE.
I THINK I HAVE A BRO--

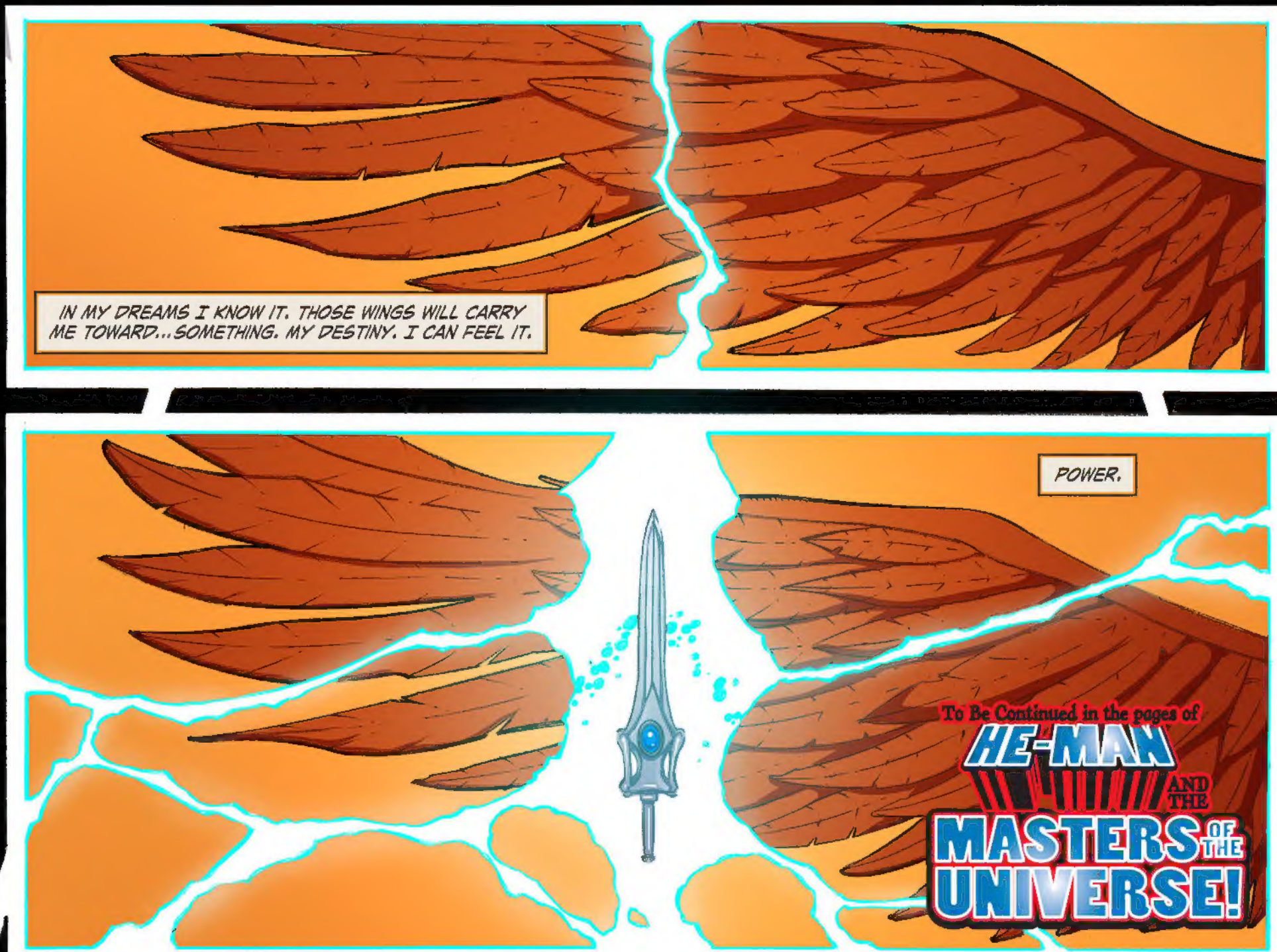
THE FORCE CAPTAIN WAS CAUGHT UNAWARES. SHE WAS WOUNDED. WE HAD ORDERS TO BRING HER DIRECTLY TO YOU.
YOU HAVE DONE WELL. FOR I CAN TAKE THE HURT FROM MY ADOPTED DAUGHTER'S BODY.

BUT FIRST, I MUST TAKE IT FROM HER MIND.

WHEN YOUR MIND IS CLEAR, YOUR PATH IS CLEAR.
YOUR ENEMIES CANNOT HARM YOU. YOUR GOALS CANNOT FAIL.

SOME TIME AGO, MY CLARITY FALTERED. I NEARLY FAILED MY LORD HORDAK.
HOW STRANGE THAT SEEMS TO ME NOW. SOME BRIEF FIXATION IN MY MIND. I CANNOT EVEN REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS NOW.
I'VE BEEN HAVING DREAMS RECENTLY.

IN MY DREAMS THERE IS THE BEATING OF WINGS.
MY DREAMS CONFIRM THAT I'M ON THE RIGHT PATH. I KNOW IT.


IN MY DREAMS I KNOW IT. THOSE WINGS WILL CARRY ME TOWARD...SOMETHING. MY DESTINY. I CAN FEEL IT.
POWER.
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